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Rs. 20,27,584 (Rs. 19,81,319), leaving a balance of Rs. 4,15,482 (Rs. 7,56,470) at the end of the year.

359. The incidence of taxation per head of population worked out to Rs. 8—26 (Rs. 15-12) during the year.

(v) Municipal Administration

Bangalore Division.

360. There were 48 town municipal councils in the Division. There was no change in the boundaries or area of any municipality in the Division during the year.

361. No fresh taxes and fees were levied in any of the municipalities in Bangalore, Bellary, Chitradurga and Tumkur districts.

362. The total income under octroi was Rs. 19, 77, 007 (Rs. 16, 09, 658).

363. Grants given to municipalities for non-remunerative purposes amounted to Rs. 3, 25, 791 (Rs. 4, 98, 474).

364. Loans were taken for town improvement work like water supply, drainage works, construction of markets, etc.

Finance

365. The demand, collection and balance of assessed taxes in several municipalities in the division were Rs 44, 32, 460 (current demand Rs. 29, 87, 154); Rs. 29, 50, 331 and Rs. 14, 82, 129 respectively.

Education.

366. There were 28 municipal high schools in the Division during the year. It was reported from Bellary that there were 10 elementary schools and 14 aided schools.

367. Nursery schools were maintained by the Town Municipal Councils of Bangarpet and Gauribidanur.

368. The main water source was from 365 private wells and 17 public wells. Bangarpet Municipality took up a comprehensive scheme for water supply at a cost of Rs. 4, 86,000 which was under progress.

Mysore Division.

369. There were 62 Municipalities in the Mysore Division and eight notified areas in Coorg District. All the 58 municipalities in erstwhile Mysore area were reconstituted, during the year, 1956.

370. No fresh tax was imposed nor any tax abolished in any of the municipalities of the Division except in Hassan and Mandya Town Municipalities during the year.

371. During the year a sum of Rs. 12,87,989.89 was sanctioned as grant under various schemes. A sum of Rs. 3,39,000 and Rs. 25,000 were sanctioned during the year for improvement works and modern sanitary conveniences respectively.

372. A total sum of Rs. 2,46,42,028-85 was advanced during the year as loan to several municipalities for various schemes out of which a sum of Rs. 15,41,250 · 91 was repaid, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,31,00,777-94 yet to be repaid at the close of the year.

373. The total outlay incurred in respect of water supply works of several municipalities of this Division amounted to Rs. 16,42,849.

374. The outlay incurred towards the execution of the Public Works such as construction of drains, repair of roads and buildings by the municipal agency amounted to Rs. 14,15,556.17.

375. There were 31 Municipal High Schools working in the town municipalities in the old Mysore area. A sum of Rs. 2,22,053—13 was spent by the Municipal Councils in the five districts excepting Shimoga District.

376. No high schools, were run by the municipalities in the districts of Coorg and South Kanara.

377. A sum of Rs. 23,25,968—38 was realised as octroi in the municipalities and in notified areas during the year. No octroi was being levied in any of the municipalities in South Kanara district under the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920 in force in South Kanara District.

378. Out of the total demand of Rs. 88,24,209—09 (including arrears of Rs. 18,50,936-18) a sum of Rs. 66,08,238—66 was collected during the year as against a sum of Rs. 54,69,933 collected during the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 22,15,970—43 to be collected at the end of the year. Finance.

Belgaum Division.

379. The total number of Municipalities (excluding the notified area of Dandeli) in the Division at the end of the year was 34, of which six were Borough Municipalities, two City Municipalities and twenty-six District Municipalities.

380. There was no change in the boundaries of the municipalities except in respect of Dharwar and Bagalkot municipalities.

381. The gross collection from Octroi amounted to Rs. 80,21,364 of which an amount of Rs. 7,19,281 was refunded on account of export of imported goods.

382. The net income of the municipalities in the Division, rose from Rs. 1,67,95,758 in 1958—59 to Rs. 1,88,17,471 in 1959—60, which was mainly due to increase in receipts from octroi, house tax, water rates and revenue from municipal properties.

383. The total disbursements during the year amounted to Rs. 2,67,80,481 (Rs. 2,28,66,527). Net expenditure excluding the items under the head "extra-ordinary and debt" was Rs. 1,72,24,041 (Rs 1,41,94,849).

384. The aggregate closing balance of all the municipalities in the division amounted to Rs. 1,02,56,801 (Rs. 1,04,66,633.)

385. Water supply schemes or improvements to water supply and distribution systems and underground drainage schemes were under execution during the year, in 12 municipalities of the Division.

Gulbarga Division.

386. There were 24 municipalities in the Division of which nine were city municipalities and the rest were town municipalities.

387. The total area of the Division stood constant at 13,764 sq. miles and the number of villages at 3,238 during the year.

388. In order to enhance the income of the municipalities, necessary measures, *viz.*, revision of the rates of different taxes and levy of Octroi, etc., were taken up during the year.

389. The Municipal fund comprises taxes, tolls and fees and contributions of Government. These funds were applied mainly for providing basic amenities like improved water supply, health, sanitation and electricity.

390. Government sanctioned Rs. 1,65,000 for the year as Grant-in-aid to the Municipalities for non-remunerative development schemes on 50:50 basis to provide modern sanitary conveniences.

391. The Municipal Administration of the areas was still in its infant stage.